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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

MASAMI FUKUNAGA

Serial No: 09/764,721

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For: SOCKET FOR ELECTRIC PART

Art Unit: 2833

Examiner: Edwin A. Leon

AMENDMENT

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**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2001, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the following remarks and reconsider the rejection.

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-2 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Shimada, stating that Shimada discloses socket 11 comprising a socket body 13, a plurality of contact pins 15 disposed on the socket body 13, a rest face 18a, a pair of resilient pieces 15i-h having contact portions 15d, two slide plates 17, 18 and an upper operating member 19.

Applicant respectfully submits that Shimada does not disclose each and every element of Applicant's invention. In addition, Applicant would like to point out that the filing date of Shimada is May 30, 2000. The priority date of Applicant's application is January 18, 2000, a date before the filing in the United States of Shimada. Still further, Applicant's filing date in the United States is January 18, 2001. Accordingly, the filing date of Shimada is less than a year before Applicant's filing date in the United States. In view of the above, therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Shimada is not prior art under 35 USC 102 and particularly is not anticipated by Shimada.

In support of Applicant's position, Applicant has previously claimed the benefit of his